



## Alliaria petiolata

### Garlic mustard

#### General

1. Biennial herb growing to 0.5—1m tall

#### Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Europe (England to Sweden, eastern Europe, Mediterranean basin) and east to India and Sri Lanka
2. Habitats
  - Natural forests, planted forests, riparian zones, ruderal/disturbed areas, urban areas
  - Prefers shade, moist rich soil, deciduous forests, floodplain forests, forest edges, stream banks
  - Tolerant of sand, loam, clay, limestone, and sandstone substrata; less common on acidic soils



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#### Invasion Pathways

1. Imported by European settlers for food and medicinal purposes

#### Sources

1. <http://www.issg.org/database/species/ecology.asp?si=406&fr=1&sts=sss&lang=EN>